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15-year-old girl breaks breaststroke record

SWIMMING Canadian teenager Amanda Reason broke the world record in the women's 50-metre breaststroke on Wednesday at the Canadian trials for the world swimming championships.

Fifteen-year-old Reason, from Toronto, clocked 30.23 seconds to eclipse the previous mark of 30.31 seconds set by Australia's Jade Edmistone in 2006.

"This is just amazing," Reason told reporters. "I'm speechless, incredible."

The world record is the first by a Canadian in a long course pool since Allison Higson broke the 200-metre breaststroke mark in 1988. REUTERS

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Bluesfest **Haines adds up for Metric**

A.P. WILSON/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Emily Haines of indie rock band Metric performs on the Rogers Stage on the second night of Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest Thursday.
More Bluesfest coverage, pg 2

Too old for pass?

Students claim discrimination over OC Transpo age limit

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University students are preparing for another battle at city hall over the 27-year-old age limit for purchasing student transit passes, which took effect July 1.

"I'm a full-time student. I pay my tuition. To say that I can't get a student pass because I'm over 27 is just discrimination," said Elizabeth Jones, a 36-year-old second-year honours law student at Carleton University. "It's just about doing what's right. If we're going to let them discriminate age here, when's it going to stop?"

Elizabeth Jones

Carleton University Students Association president Erik Halliwell said he's received a number of calls from shocked students who could no longer buy student transit passes since the change was instituted.

Instead of paying $65.25 for a student pass, full-time students over 27 will have to purchase a regular adult pass for $84.75.

Coupled with the failure of the universal bus pass pilot project, Student Federation of the University of Ottawa president Seamus Wolfe said the age limit sends a bad message to students.

"City hall and OC Transpo consistently work against getting students on to these buses," he said. "We never see solid effort to make transit better and more accessible to students."

The age limit will save OC Transpo around $220,000 per year, according to Vicky Kyriaco-Wilson, OC Transpo's manager of marketing.

OC Transpo was one of the only transit agencies in Canada that did not have an upper limit for student passes, according to Kyriaco-Wilson and most transit services have limits up to age 25.

OC Transpo set the limit of 27 years based on the years required to complete a PhD.

Kyriaco-Wilson said they found students over 25 had more capacity to handle a fare increase.

However, Gaétan-Philippe Beaulière with the Graduate Students' Association of uOttawa said very few postgrad students go to school continuously from high school to a PhD and many are burdened with large student loans.

He said the average age for finishing a doctorate in Ottawa is 33 years old.

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Grits and Tories in dead heat

POLITICS The opposition Liberals have lost the slight lead in popular support they had over the governing Conservatives and the two parties are now in a statistical "dead heat," a new poll said Thursday.

A weekly Ekos survey put the Liberals at 32.2 per cent support, unchanged from last week while the Conservatives edged up to 31.8 per cent from 31 per cent. Ekos considers the standings to be a tie due to the margin of error.

"Ontario continues to be the place where governments will be made or unmade."
Frank Graves

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has been working hard recently to gain support outside his traditional base.

Ignatieff ventured into Western Canada over the weekend, making an appearance at the annual Calgary Stampede, where he faced off against Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who is more popular there by a wide margin.

Ekos pollster Frank Graves said Ignatieff's effort did not pay off and argued the party leaders should spend their political capital in the central province of Ontario, where the race is much closer.

"It is clear ... that Ignatieff's persistent attempts to woo Albertans have gone nowhere so far," Graves said. "Ontario continues to be the place where governments will be made or unmade."

The Ekos automated telephone survey was conducted between June 30 and July 7. REUTERS

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7-Eleven offers up free Slurpees on Saturday
This Saturday, beat the heat with a sweet treat — for free — when 7-Eleven offers up 5,000 free Slurpees in Ottawa in celebration of its 82nd birthday. METRO OTTAWA

Local

Bluesfest plays green notes

This year, it's even easier to be Earth-friendly at Bluesfest. Organizers are encouraging festival goers to bike or bus to the event. The festival has expanded its bike parking area and added a new taxi stand on site this year. In addition to its compostable cups, the festival has introduced a major composting system, which, in addition to the recycling system, is designed to reduce items going to the landfill by 60 to 70 per cent. METRO OTTAWA

Vanier today 'really the place to be'

Crime-plagued neighbourhood turns itself around with community 'champions'

SunnySide

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The streets are clean and relatively quiet. And what's more, they feel safe.

Vanier is a far cry from the way it was even two years ago, before Crime Prevention Ottawa — along with the city, Ottawa police and neighbourhood residents — decided to take action.

"Vanier was a neighbourhood that had seen more than its fair share of issues," said Ottawa Police District Insp. Alain Bernard, who oversees Vanier.

The area was plagued with problems of drug dealing and prostitution. And because there was no real ownership of the area, people were reluctant to come forward, Bernard said.

That Vanier is gone.

"Over the past year and a half, we've seen obvious changes that have taken place," he said. "And that, in large part, is because of the way the community mobilized to take back the streets."

Celebration

- The community received the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Community Mobilization Award. And this Friday, the group is hosting a celebration to mark how far the neighbourhood has come.

In a 2006 analysis of the crime and socio-economic data of neighbourhoods in the city, "Vanier wasn't the worst, but when we approached the neighbourhoods, they were the most enthusiastic to work with us," said Nancy Worsfold of Crime Prevention Ottawa.

"We started seeing some real community champions," Bernard said. "They were beautifying the community and reporting incidents and forming neighbourhood watch groups, which were non-existent just a year and a half ago," he said. "We saw the pride that people took in looking after their own communities."

The difference, Bernard said, is palpable even to non-residents.

"People are really aware of the changes and they feel that crime is going down in the community," Worsfold added.

"To sustain it, you have to continue working and to remain vigilant," Bernard said. "But I think it's a real model for other communities to emulate.

"Now, this is really the place to be."

Karsh's widow to give nine photo prints to Ottawa

PORTRAITS Estrellita Karsh, widow of internationally renowned portrait photographer and longtime Ottawa resident Yousuf Karsh, will present nine of her late husband's prints to the City of Ottawa on Tuesday.

The portraits — which include Winston Churchill and Georgia O'Keeffe, and famous Canadians Pierre Trudeau, Stephen Leacock, Robertson Davies, Jack Bush, Frederick Varley and Kenojuak Ashevak, and a self-portrait of Karsh — will be displayed at the Karsh-Masson Gallery.

The city will proclaim July 14 Yousuf Karsh Day. Marking Karsh's 100th birthday, Ottawa's Karsh Festival is currently on.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Two separate fires amount to nearly $500K in damages

NO INJURIES A fire in the kitchen of a Sparks Street restaurant caused nearly $100,000 in damages Thursday. Firefighters responded to the North Restaurant Lounge at 73 Sparks St. at 4:30 a.m. Thursday. There were no injuries.

Firefighters were also called to a residential fire near Hunt Club Road and Woodroffe Avenue, where damages are estimated at $400,000. METRO OTTAWA

News in brief

HOUSING The total number of new homes being built in Ottawa is down from 2008, but the number of single-family detached homes has increased, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said Thursday. The strongest areas for new homes were Nepean and Gloucester, while Goulbourn and Kanata had the fewest new homes. METRO OTTAWA

SUBMITTED PHOTO

R&B singer Divine Brown is performing on Bluesfest's Bank of America stage this Sunday.

Brown's music taking her places

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As a young girl, Divine Brown used to sing along with the likes of Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan and Tina Turner on the radio.

"I tried to get that same kind of vibe," she said.

Even back then, the R&B singer, who makes her home in Toronto, said she always knew that her music would take her places.

After years of work — singing in the Toronto club circuit, breaking into musical theatre as a cast member of shows like Ain't Misbehavin' and Rent, and releasing two albums — people of all ages now are singing along with her.

She released her self-titled debut — which included the hit Old Skool Love — in 2005 and followed it up with The Love Chronicles last year.

"I love festivals because there are such big crowds and it's really a challenge to engage the audience."
Divine Brown

Brown will perform songs from both when she headlines at Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest this Sunday. And when she does, both her fans and those who are new to her music will experience just a little of what it's like to be the artist.

"I get my inspiration from different conversations I've had with friends about love relationships, as well as my own," she said. "So it's very cathartic for me."

And she doesn't mind the audience knowing that.

"I do talk about it when I perform," she said. "I tend to personalize some of the songs that way. One More Chance is one of the hardest songs I perform — not just because it's vocally challenging, but in that I have to temper my emotions, so I don't get lost in them," she said.

While she's looking forward to returning to Ottawa — "the audiences here are very appreciative," she said — Bluesfest is just one of the stops she's making at festivals across Canada this summer.

"I love festivals because there are such big crowds and it's really a challenge to engage the audience," she said. "It's a challenge and I love that."

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Video Dust may have been a key factor in Afghanistan chopper crash, at **metronews.ca/canada**

Video Stephen Harper was late for a G8 group photo ... again, at **metronews.ca/canada**

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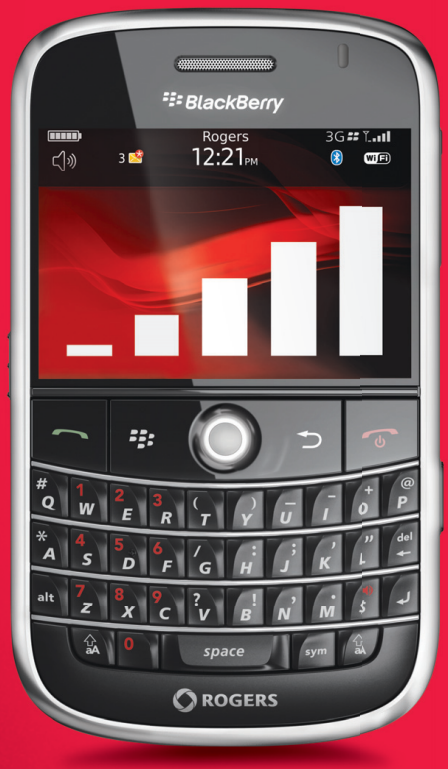

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Canada takes beef with South Korea to WTO

Canada is taking its long-standing dispute with South Korea over beef exports to the World Trade Organization, after failing to convince its fourth-largest beef market that its products are safe from mad cow disease. REUTERS

Canada

Ottawa mulls 'cash for clunkers'

Federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice, left, said Thursday Ottawa is looking into whether to offer consumers more incentives to retire their old, polluting cars and buy new vehicles, CBC News Online reports. "We're assessing it now. Certainly any changes we make would come into effect this fall," he said in an interview. Last month, U.S. President Barack Obama signed his country's billion-dollar "cash for clunkers" law. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Western farmers flood feds with claims

CROPS Farmers in drought-stricken Saskatchewan and Alberta have flooded government insurance programs with crop insurance claims.

In Alberta, the hardest hit by drought, farmers have filed 2,000 claims after turning poorly growing grain and hay crops to pasture or feed — or using chemicals to wipe them out altogether to salvage soil nutrients. REUTERS

Rise from 2008

- Alberta farmers have separately filed 273 claims for land that they are reseeding in hopes of reaping a crop, 54 per cent more than last year.

News in brief

FINANCES Canada still aims to reduce its debt-to-GDP ratio to 25 per cent, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday, but he could not say how long it might take to reach that goal, which was abandoned during the recession. Before the global financial crisis, the Conservative government had pledged to reach the 25 per cent target by 2011-12. But the budget in January 2009 said the debt-to-GDP ratio would rise to about 32 per cent from 29 per cent. REUTERS

Meetings end in stalemate

Canada promises food aid as Obama leads climate change talks

The world's industrialized nations will help finance emissions reduction efforts by developing economies in a bid to bridge a divide that has stalled agreement on global warming targets, G8 leaders say.

Critical meetings ended in a stalemate in L'Aquila, Italy over who bears the burden of slashing greenhouse gases, with U.S. President Barack Obama acknowledging a deep split between rich and poor countries.

But he said it doesn't have to sink negotiations toward an international deal to halt global warming.

Obama led talks here between 17 countries responsible for producing more than 75 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions that failed to reach agreement on how much they should all cut back.

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper poses for a photo with Denisse Rudich, one of the junior G8 delegates during the G8 summit in L'Aquila, Italy yesterday. Leaders met Thursday to seek common ground on global warming and international trade.

"While we don't expect to solve this problem in one meeting or one summit, I believe we've made some important strides forward as we move towards Copenhagen," said Obama.

Negotiations on a global deal to replace the UN climate change treaty, which expires in 2012, culminate in December in Denmark.

Canada announced it will contribute an extra $200 million a year to food aid, bringing its spending on local agricultural production in poor countries to about $400 million a year. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Australia's prime minister hailed the return of U.S. leadership on global climate change under Obama. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Holy moly, Harper

Back-to-back furors over sex and religion hound the PM and put the Tory base at risk

Two little words are hounding Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Sex and religion.

First, there's the Conservative uproar over a $400,000 government investment in Toronto's Pride Week.

The cash spurred backbenchers into vocal revolt and got Tourism Minister Diane Ablonczy punished.

Then there's the even bigger furor over how Harper handled a holy wafer he received during communion at former governor general Roméo LeBlanc's funeral.

Did he eat it or put it in his pocket?

The back-to-back controversies stirred a flurry of outrage, jokes and instant analysis.

"It hurts them for their core vote."
Pollster Nik Nanos on risks for the Tories

"It hurts them for their core vote," says pollster Nik Nanos.

"These two items are a gratuitous distraction for the prime minister and the government."

They are also fodder for comedy.

Political satire king Rick Mercer says he saw the comic potential immediately in the communion wafer incident.

When he saw Harper receive the wafer on TV, Mercer immediately tapped out a message on his BlackBerry to one of his conservative, Catholic friends.

"It's in his pocket as we speak," Mercer told his friend, hoping for an explosion of outrage — which he got. "It's in his pocket with the gum."

And Mercer adds: "There's something oddly comforting about the Harper government wanting to punish someone for helping a gay pride parade.

"It's like 'Oh yes, it's back to the good old days.' This we understand."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Report claims some fish not fit to consume

NATURE As Ontarians flock to the Great Lakes for a little summer fishing, a new report is warning that some categories of fish are unfit for human consumption due to high levels of toxic chemicals found in their tissue.

"Fish are still great for our diets, but you need to watch what you eat," said Mike Layton, program manager at Environmental Defence. "Eating a few small fish every month isn't a big deal."

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Emerging El Nino set to drive up carbon emissions

Across the globe an emerging El Nino weather pattern threatens to cause droughts and floods and trigger a spike in planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions from burning forests. Trying to predict how El Nino will be affected by global warming is a major challenge, scientists say. REUTERS

World

North Korea suspected in cyber attacks

A fresh wave of cyber attacks that slowed U.S. and South Korean websites this week hit more targets Thursday, a web security firm said, while the South's spy agency has said the hacking may be linked to North Korea. The impact of the attacks, aimed so far at dozens of sites including the White House and the South's presidential office, was seen as negligible, experts said, but served as a reminder that Pyongyang has been planning for cyber warfare. REUTERS

News in brief

CHINA Chinese President Hu Jintao, forced to abandon the G8 summit in Italy by ethnic violence in Xinjiang province, said that maintaining social stability in the energy-rich region was the "most urgent task," state television reported on Thursday. Hu described Sunday's deadly riots in Urumqi as a "serious violent crime elaborately planned and organized by 'three forces' at home and abroad," a reference to religious extremists, separatists and terrorists.

IRAQ Bombs in Baghdad and northern Iraq killed at least 50 people on Thursday, police said, underscoring doubts about local forces' ability to keep Iraqis safe after U.S. troops pulled out of cities. The attacks in the north, where tensions between Arabs and Kurds threaten to flare into Iraq's next conflict, and in the capital appeared to be part of an attempt by insurgents to reignite sectarian fighting. REUTERS

Obama sees G8 progress

However UN says climate change strides not enough

U.S. President Barack Obama said on Thursday the world had made "important strides" towards arresting climate change by agreeing to limit warming, but UN chief Ban Ki-moon said it was simply not enough.

"This is politically and morally (an) imperative and historic responsibility ... for the future of humanity, even for the future of the planet Earth," said Ban.

Major economies meeting in Italy agreed to restrict global warming to two degrees Celsius — a development that was unthinkable 12 months ago, before Obama was elected president of the world's second biggest greenhouse gas emitter.

Obama

But the Group of Eight rich nations failed to persuade top emitter China and India to join in a push to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2050 — a blow to efforts to secure a new UN pact by year end.

And Canada and Russia appeared to turn their back on the G8's stated aim of cutting its emissions by 80 per cent by 2050 within 24 hours of it being announced.

"It really fits together well with the pathway that Canada is on, that the government adopted, to reduce our emissions by minus 20 per cent by 2020, and then by 2050 to reduce them by as much as 60 to 70 per cent," Environment Minister Jim Prentice told CBC.

On the first day of the summit the G8 acknowledged there are still risks to financial stability from the economic crisis, but tough new rules for global business and finance will be left to the broader G20 meeting in Pittsburgh in September.

Ahead of development talks on Friday that include leaders of nine African nations, including Libya's Muammar Gaddafi, plus international food and farming aid agencies, the G8 was likely to pledge $15 billion to a U.S.-led plan on food security. REUTERS

OMAR SOBHANI/REUTERS

The site of an explosion in Logar province south of Kabul.

15 students among blast victims

AFGHANISTAN An explosion outside a school south of the Afghan capital on Thursday killed at least 25 people, including 15 students, officials said. The blast in Logar province was the latest incident in an escalation of violence across Afghanistan since U.S. Marines launched a major new offensive a week ago. Officials said the Logar blast was caused by explosives hidden beneath a pile of firewood in the back of a truck which had crashed overnight, leading to speculation the explosives could have been meant for an attack elsewhere.

The blast went off as police checked the abandoned truck in the morning, authorities said. REUTERS

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Flu prompts early school vacations in Peru

Peru's government announced Thursday that millions of school children would have winter holidays two weeks earlier than scheduled to help stop the spread of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu. REUTERS

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Iran's police act again

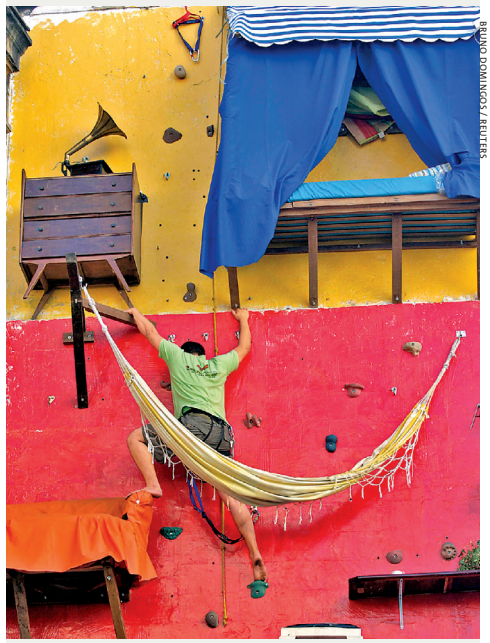
Riot police fired in the air to disperse pro-reform demonstrators in central Tehran on Thursday, nearly four weeks after a disputed election triggered mass protests across Iran, a witness said.

Police detained several people among hundreds of protesters who turned up near Tehran University in defiance of a ban on gatherings for the anniversary of violent student demonstrations in 1999, according to the witness. Another witness said police also used tear gas.

It appeared to be the worst outbreak of unrest in Tehran since security forces last month quelled days of opposition protests over the June 12 election, which moderate opponents of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad say was rigged in his favour.

Even though Thursday's rally was a far cry from those that erupted after the vote, it was a sign of continuing discontent among some opposition supporters, who took part in the demonstration despite a heavy presence by the security forces. REUTERS

Rio de Janeiro **Hanging out**



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Brazilian artist Tiago Primo scales a wall. Primo and his brother have essentially made a house on the side of a building in a bustling part of Rio de Janeiro, to the bemusement of passers-by. Using climbing gear, they move between a bed, a desk, a hammock and a gramaphone, all nailed to the wall.

Netanyahu gets 100-day rating

ISRAEL Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu received lukewarm ratings in a poll on Thursday on his first 100 days.

Israel's opposition accused him of "zero" achievements during that time.

A solid majority of the public backed his refusal to freeze building activity within existing Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank, but there were signs of discomfort with the rift this policy has created with the United States.

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New era of pension reform is upon us

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(Editor's note: This is the final part of a three-part series by Charles Davies on pension plans.)

As Canada's population rapidly ages, financing retirement has become a huge concern. Existing public pensions won't provide enough money, entitlements and personal savings are inadequate, and company pension plans are either underfunded or cover too few people.

All this adds up to growing pressure on government to come up with new public pension offerings to help fill the gap. There are two proposals that could gain traction.

The first is the Canada Supplementary Pension Plan, an idea first promoted last year by pension guru Keith Ambachtsheer from the C.D. Howe Institute. The CSPP would work like the CPP, with voluntary payroll deductions (to an annual maximum of $20,000) put into individual retirement savings accounts. The funds would be managed by a body that is arm's length from government, not unlike the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board. The goal would be to combine eventual income from the CSPP with other forms to replace at least 60 per cent of pre-retirement income.

A second proposal is the Universal Pension Plan espoused by the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), the lobby group for middle-aged and senior Canadians. The UPP would essentially be an extension of the existing CPP and would also be similar to the CSPP. Unlike the CSPP, however, contributions would be mandatory, and the goal would be to replace 70 per cent of pre-retirement income.

Other variants of public plans are being talked about in Alberta and British Columbia. So far, Ottawa is ignoring the issue, perhaps because it has more immediate problems. The pension crunch isn't going away, though. If you believe CARP, it won't just be the poorer classes that will strain to make ends meet for the rest of their lives.

It's already happening. Go into any big box retailer and check out the staff. Chances are many are people who have "retired" from their principal jobs, but who seriously need this income.

For younger baby boomers, those who have a decade or so before normal retirement, the prospect of working indefinitely won't sit well. Count on them putting the heat on politicians to extend the CPP or come up with an additional plan. Of necessity, a new era of pension reform is upon us.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

Views

Festival gives neighbours noise blues

UrbanCompass

It's become an unofficial opening ceremony of Bluesfest, the clamour of noise complaints from neighbours in the vicinity of LeBreton Flats.

After two years of dealing with endless kvetching about rattling windows, lost sleep and deep tissue bass trauma, organizers have agreed to cap onsite noise levels at 90 decibels in hopes of keeping the onslaught to a dullish roar of 65 dB once it reaches the neighbours.

Skepticism rules, with locals doubting the measure will mitigate their 12-night sonic ordeal, and some festival-goers balking at the idea of a Kiss concert cranked only to eight-and-a-half or so.

The art of living in a city is, above all, the art of putting up with each other, and notably each other's noise.

While we tend to think of noise as a mere nuisance, it can also be a health hazard, whether by disturbing our sleep or, as a 2006 World Health Organization study suggests, contributing to heart disease by stimulating the constant release of stress hormones.

I'm not the sort likely to complain about noise or be the target of complaints. I like my music loud and stupid, but I try to keep a neighbourly hand on the volume, which at least takes care of the loud. On stupid, I will not yield.

Possibly because of creeping hearing loss (see above), I'm not terribly sensitive to noise, but in the summer, with the return of motorcycles to city streets and open windows for those of us who prefer real air to air conditioning, irritants arise.

It seems every summer there's something on my block in need of a good jackhammering.

And a special black pit in my heart is reserved for car alarms, the owners of which do not seem to realize that even if it isn't a false alarm nobody is going to come running to the rescue of their RAV-4. If anything, after hearing the accursed thing sound off repeatedly all night, we're contemplating how much applied baseball bat would be required to squelch that horrid, pointless racket once and for all.

Of course, that's just the sleep debt talking, dear neighbour o' mine.

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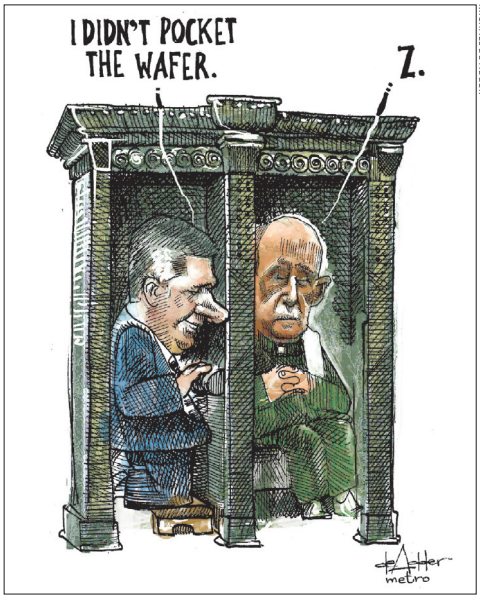

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Activists urge California to start taxing pot
The Californian legislature is being urged by marijuana activists to consider taxing the drug to help raise revenues in order to close a $26.3-billion budget gap. REUTERS

Business

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GM ready to return

A shiny new General Motors Corp. will rise Friday from the twisted heap of metal — and crippling debts — of the old.

It will have fewer workers and brands, but it will be have billions of dollars in government bailouts.

After clearing last minute court hurdles Thursday, GM was expected to announce Friday that it is poised to exit from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States. There is widespread speculation it will unveil a new look, changing its square logo from blue to green to show consumers that it really is leaner and greener. It is also slashing jobs in a drastic bid to cut its costs.

Challenges

1 **Bad image:** Consumers may still think of GM as teetering and take a pass on their vehicles.

2 **Reduced sales force:** With fewer showrooms, will buyers stroll over to a rival?

3 **No real change at top:** New CEO Fritz Henderson used to be GM's chief financial officer.

4 **Product lineup:** Just four brands, and observers say the automaker still lacks a good quality small car.

5 **The board:** Veteran directors outnumbered by new ones from the United Auto Workers union and from Canada. How will they steer the company?

But experts say GM must produce vehicles that people want to buy and change its image dramatically. "What they have to change is the essence of the company. For a car company, that means the cars," said Joseph D'Cruz, professor of strategic management at the University of Toronto.

Canadian operations will be unaffected by Friday's announcement. GM Canada went through its own painful restructuring, though it did not file for court protection here.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Google-Microsoft war could lower PC prices

TECHNOLOGY Google Inc.'s bid to compete with Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system may help lower the cost of personal computers even as prices are already being pinched by inexpensive netbooks.

Google said it will offer its just-announced Chrome operating system for free when it is launched in the second half of 2010, a move that could force Microsoft into a price war.

Although Windows is installed on 90 per cent of PCs, Microsoft won't take Google's challenge lightly, analysts said. Its new Windows 7 system will be available in October.

"Microsoft's strategy is likely to be to compete on price," said Brent Williams, an analyst with the Benchmark Co. "Now there's a competitor with the muscle and the brand recognition. Google is that company."

Google said Chrome OS, based on the open-source Linux code, is being designed for all PCs but will debut on netbooks. REUTERS

Windows price

- Microsoft doesn't say how much it charges PC brands for Windows, but analysts estimate it gets $20 to $40 for the older XP system used in most netbooks, and at least $150 for the current Vista system.

Business in brief

MADOFF Arch swindler Bernard Madoff will not appeal the 150-year prison sentence he received for masterminding a global multibillion-dollar investment fraud, his main lawyer said Thursday. Madoff, 71, was sentenced on June 29 by U.S. District Court Judge Denny Chin to an effective life term for Wall Street's biggest swindle after pleading guilty to criminal charges, including securities fraud, money laundering and perjury.

AUTO The Obama administration's new $1-billion US "Cash for Clunkers" program, which pays consumers $3,500 or $4,500 in credit to swap aging gas-guzzlers for new, more fuel efficient models, has been lauded by struggling car dealerships since it was signed into law in June. Backers hope the program will sell 250,000 new vehicles this year. REUTERS

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LPGA boss open to a buyout: Report

LPGA commissioner Carolyn Bivens reportedly is agreeable to a buyout of the final two years of her contract amid calls for her resignation by key players. Sports Business Daily cited sources on its website Thursday that the LPGA Tour board has authorized a golf industry executive to contact potential candidates to replace Bivens. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

UFC goes worldwide

When Montreal native and UFC welterweight champion Georges St. Pierre, left, defends his title against challenger Thiago Alves on Saturday night at UFC 100, the fight will be broadcast live in 51 countries, says UFC president Dana White. The night also features a heavyweight championship rematch between Brock Lesnar and Frank Mir. Mir won their UFC 81 bout by submission. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Hard to ignore attraction of superstars

FieldofPlay

Scott Russell

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When it comes to sport there is no greater force than the power of one.

This reality has been made plain by the recent odysseys of more than one superstar.

Roger Federer's triumph over Andy Roddick at Wimbledon was a match for the ages.

The immovable force prevailed over the challenger in spite of the latter serving up rockets, which screamed across centre court. The thrill of the grass resulted in a marathon with Federer emerging as the most prolific male tennis player of all time.

To watch his journey on that day was mesmerizing — the talk around millions of water coolers the next morning.

And then there is our relentless fascination with Tiger Woods.

Golf's sparkling savant has us transfixed. The television networks are glued to his every move even in the rare case that he is not in contention. We, the fans, never tire of dissecting his every approach and tricky putt.

If we are not watching Tiger Woods, it would seem, we are not really watching the tournament at all. We are all collectively the moths to his brilliant flame.

Which brings us to the resilient Lance Armstrong.

At 37 years of age, Armstrong has returned to the Tour de France and in spite of the cloudy suspicion surrounding his magnificent past, he rides on in plain sight. Once again, Armstrong is challenging for the lead in one of the most gruelling tests sport has to offer.

It is a must to check in on Armstrong's progress every day although few of us would cast a second glance cycling's way in his absence. His is just that compelling a story.

This is the stuff of legend and, throughout time, sport has been dominated by these solitary, spectacular figures.

Muhammad Ali, Jack Nicklaus and Usain Bolt have all been in that category. They are icons commanding our rapture just as Federer, Woods and Armstrong have.

It is our fascination with the outer limits of human achievement.

While we all like to think of ourselves as good team players what we truly aspire to be is an individual superstar just like them.

Lance Armstrong

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Newly-signed Toronto Raptor Hedo Turkoglu is mobbed by children following his introductory news conference Thursday in Toronto.

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Raps ship Marion to Dallas

The Dallas Mavericks acquired four-time All-Star forward Shawn Marion from the Toronto Raptors in a multi-player, four-team trade, they said on Thursday.

Marion, forward Kris Humphries and centre Nathan Jawai will join the Mavericks from the Raptors in exchange for guard Antoine Wright and forward Devean George, plus two-way cash considerations.

In related moves, the Orlando Magic sent prized free agent Hedo Turkoglu to Toronto for cash considerations from the Mavericks and Raptors while Dallas traded Jerry Stackhouse to the Memphis Grizzlies for fellow guard Greg Buckner.

Marion, a 10-year NBA veteran who has averaged 17.8 points and 9.9 rebounds per game in his career, spent only half a season in Toronto after being traded from the Miami Heat.

The versatile 31-year-old averaged 14.3 points, 8.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists in 27 games for the Raptors before being traded to clear salary cap space for Turkoglu.

Last season, Turkish forward Turkoglu helped lead the Magic to the NBA Finals where they lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in five games.

The 30-year-old was a significant factor for Orlando in post-season play, averaging 15.8 points, 4.5 rebounds and 4.8 assists per game.

"We are very pleased to have landed one of the top free agents available this summer," Raptors president and general manager Bryan Colangelo said in a statement.

"Hedo Turkoglu is an ideal fit basketball wise, and his diverse skill set and size will make him a tremendous addition to our already offensively potent team." REUTERS

Top pick signed

- The Raptors have signed first-round draft pick DeMar DeRozan through the 2010-11 season. Per team policy, financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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Hushovd wins Tour's rainy seventh stage

"There have not been many days I regretted my decision (to return to cycling). This might be one of them."
Lance Armstrong

TOUR DE FRANCE Thor Hushovd has always relished tough finishes and rainy conditions, both of which helped the Norwegian snatch his seventh Tour de France stage win in Barcelona on Thursday.

He surged in the last stretch of the 181.5-km sixth stage from Girona to overpower two Spaniards in front of the 1992 Olympic Stadium — pre-stage favourite Oscar Freire and Jose Joaquin Rojas.

Swiss Fabian Cancellara crossed the line in 10th place and retained his overall leader's yellow jersey. Seven-times champion Lance Armstrong, who came back from retirement in January, stayed in second.

"It was very nervous," Armstrong told reporters. There have not been many days I regretted my decision (to return to cycling). This might be one of them.

"We were always on the edge, with crashes all around, dangerous hills. There is one word to describe the day — scary. It was nerve-wracking."

Hushovd's victory gave his team Cervelo their first win in the race.

"I knew I could do something in this stage but it was very hard because of the weather conditions and the slippery roads," the 31-year-old said. REUTERS

Sports in brief

NHL The National Hockey League said it has been approached by another potential bidder for the Phoenix Coyotes who wants to keep the bankrupt team in Arizona. The league revealed a possible third bid for the team, but did not disclose any details.

BASEBALL Carlos Pena's two-run double in the fifth proved to be the difference as the Tampa Bay Rays completed a three-game sweep of the Toronto Blue Jays with a 3-2 win. Evan Longoria drove in the other run while David Price was charged with just one run on six hits with a walk and seven strikeouts over six innings of work for the Rays.

SWIMMING Michael Phelps broke the 100 metres butterfly world record by clocking 50.22 seconds at the U.S. National championships on Thursday. Gold medallist at the Beijing Olympics, Phelps trimmed .18 seconds off the old mark of 50.40 ending American compatriot Ian Crocker's six-year hold on the record. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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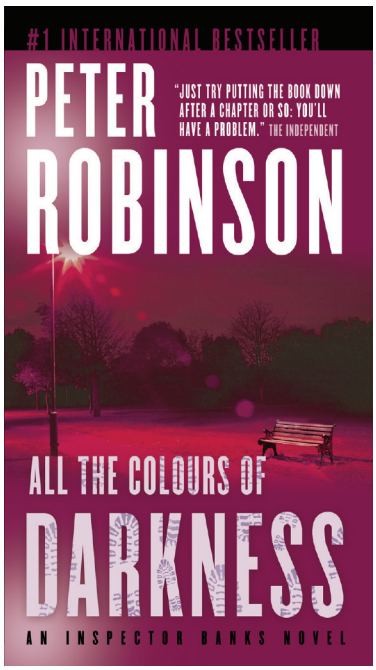

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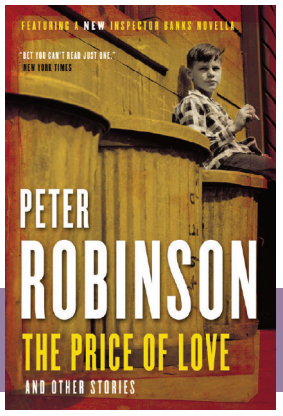

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Real Draco revealed

Potter schoolmate a complete coward: Felton

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Tom Felton, who plays Hogwart's dastardly teen wizard-in-training Draco Malfoy, is all sunny smiles while meeting press in a Toronto hotel.

It's surprising after the busy week he has had promoting Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince — the newest addition to the Potter movie franchise.

There was the London premiere on Tuesday night, a full day of media in Toronto, and then a quick flight to New York for an international press junket.

"Sunday, I get my roots done in England and Monday we film Deathly Hallows," says Felton.

At 21, he's an old hand at the Potter game. He was ten when he first played Malfoy and now — in the sixth Harry Potter outing — he has his most dramatic moments yet as his character takes on more of a key role in the series.

"I was very nervous when I first read the script," he says. "I thought it might be beyond my capabilities. But I was absolutely thrilled to turn this slightly two-dimensional character into a real bundle of emotion."

Even though he has played Malfoy in five previous films, Felton says he had a revelation about his character while shooting The Half-Blood Prince.

"You assume Draco's this confident, cool, solid person when in reality he's just a complete coward. He's terrified of the world around and that's why he attempts to bully people around him. I try to do the opposite really.

"It only came to me now. It's nothing to do with his personal self, he's not bad. The people have raised him to be the way he is. I think he's desperate to be nice, but he just can't be. He doesn't have an option, he's never been taught how to."

With two more films to be made, Felton says he is still grappling with the legacy and meaning of the Potter phenomenon.

"It's crazy to think about it, but it won't sink in until later. I keep thinking about showing my (future) kids my DVDs and saying, 'Look, there's daddy when he was ten years old.'

"I'm very proud we have something hard that will always be there, proof of our existence in the world. Years later on we'll think, bloody hell, that was truly something epic."

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince hits theatres next week

Tom Felton returns as Draco Malfoy in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

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Movie feature

Idiotic Brüno tops bumbling Borat

Brüno
Director: Larry Charles
Stars: Sacha Baron Cohen
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Sacha Baron Cohen reinvents himself as Brüno.

REVIEW Sacha Baron Cohen follows up his 2006 hit Borat with another mockumentary about a clueless outsider exploring America — and he may well have topped himself.

The new film excels because of its more focused subject matter — celebrity and homosexuality — and its more idiotic protagonist. Whereas Borat was a bumbling outsider, out of his depths in American culture, Brüno is all swagger and confidence.

Sure, he's an idiot, but he's also his own biggest fan (after his assistant's assistant, Lutz), which makes him that much easier to laugh at.

The story follows Baron Cohen's Austrian TV fashion reporter trying to become a celebrity in the U.S. after being sacked for disrupting Milan Fashion Week. He tries everything he can think of to become the "biggest Austrian superstar since Hitler," from trying to make a sex tape with Ron Paul to adopting a baby from Africa, but eventually realizes his sexuality is holding him back.

"I looked at big stars like Tom Cruise, John Travolta and Kevin Spacey, and I realized they had one thing in common — they're straight."

While many of the laughs come from shock (there is an awful lot of male genitalia in this movie, including one specimen that shouts at the camera), the best humour in Brüno comes when Baron Cohen lets his equally un-self-aware subjects dig their own graves.

Two L.A. public relations pros do a great disservice to their profession's reputation, displaying a level of vapidity to rival Brüno's — only they're not acting. Equally scary is a series of interviews Baron Cohen conducts with stage parents trying to get their toddlers a gig in a photo shoot he's planning.

No matter what he suggests — lit phosphorus, radical weight loss — the parents insist their babies are up for it. Once again, Baron Cohen proves that no matter how ridiculous of a character he creates, he can find real people out there that are even more ridiculous — and aren't afraid to prove it on camera.

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Virus lands Theron in hospital

Charlize Theron spent four nights in a Los Angeles hospital last week after contracting a stomach virus, according to a U.S. tabloid report. The Monster star is alleged to have suffered severe abdominal pains. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Movies

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Cooper lacks fun

Hayden Panettiere plays the object of a young man's affection in I Love You, Beth Cooper.

I Love You, Beth Cooper

Director: Christopher Columbus
Stars: Hayden Panettiere, Paul Rust
Classification: PG
Rating: ●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

"Who said that this was supposed to be fun?" sneers Hayden Panetierre midway through I Love You, Beth Cooper, and it's a good question. After all, why should audiences expect anything worthwhile from veteran hack director Christopher Columbus, now eight years removed from his association with the Harry Potter franchise?

Not that there aren't some signs of ambition here. Adapted from Simpsons writer Larry Doyle's novel of the same name, I Love You Beth Cooper attempts to deconstruct the teen-coming-of-age comedy, setting up a familiar plot — hopeless geek (Paul Rust) courts his dream girl (Panettiere) across one wild, incident-laden evening — and then taking the action in (hypothetically) unexpected directions.

Unfortunately, Columbus doesn't have the sly touch or tonal control required for satire. Most of the scenes have a stilted, hesitant quality, or else end up spiralling wildly over the top (an extended sequence set at an only-in-the-movies house party is simply painful).

Panettiere is suitably perky as the film's eponymous object of desire, but at this point, the blonde goddess with secret insecurity issues is a tired (and insulting) cliché.

It's almost as dire as the love-struck social misfit — with Rust doing a poor man's McLovin — or the closeted best friend (Jack Carpenter, pulling Duckie duty as our hero's quirky sidekick).

The only oasis of relief is provided by Alan Ruck as Rust's understatedly cool dad: His appearance evokes memories of Ferris Bueller's Day Off, giving us something to think about as I Love You, Beth Cooper clunks gracelessly towards its faux-bittersweet conclusion.

• For I Love You, Beth Cooper photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies

Sugar sweet cinematic experience

Sugar

Director: Ryan Fleck, Ann Boden
Stars: Perez Soto
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Real life Dominican ball player Alegnis Perez Soto plays a struggling pitcher in Sugar.

REVIEW As sweet a cinematic experience as the deceptively simple title suggests, Sugar, the new film from Half Nelson creators Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden, is the kind of picture that restores your faith in indie filmmaking.

Spinning the story of a gentle, talented Dominican born pitcher and his bittersweet adventures while being drafted to play semi-pro baseball in the US, the movie offers viewers much more than a sports melodrama — though it certainly delivers on that level as well.

The film's true strengths lie in its delicately crafted, intimate portrait of the immigrant experience and the often difficult journey of a young man who longs for a life that has a meaning beyond monetary.

Real life Dominican ball player Alegnis Perez Soto plays Miguel (Sugar) Santos, a poor but happy lad who's blessed with a killer curve ball and who has long been groomed to forge a career in Major League Baseball.

Travelling to Iowa and making a splash in the minors, Sugar wrestles with loneliness, self-esteem, problems with English and eventually game-inflicted injury while desperately trying to adapt to the pressure of playing organized sports.

His travails eventually lead him to New York City where he learns to live on his own for the first time, lost in a world that he barely understands.

Everything about Sugar works, from the performances (Perez Soto, in his first acting role is mesmerizing) to the breathtaking cinematography (by Half Nelson's Andrij Parekh) to the moving ambient score (courtesy of Into The Wild's Michael Brook).

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Furlong's wife seeks divorce

Edward Furlong's wife has filed for divorce. The Terminator 2: Judgement Day actor's spouse, Rachael Bella, cited irreconcilable differences in her filing at Los Angeles Superior Court earlier this week. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Before Brüno came Buster, Charlie ...

Many regard Sacha Baron Cohen's brand of humour as envelope pushing absurdity that rides the thin line between bad taste and very bad taste.

For instance, in Borat, the titular character says he came to America with "a jar of gypsy tears to protect me from AIDS." As if that wasn't squirm inducing enough, he topped it off with jabs at Jews, homosexuals, the American way-of-life and the good people of Kazakhstan.

That movie ruffled more than a few feathers upon release in 2007, and that outrage now seems to be spilling over to the release of his new film.

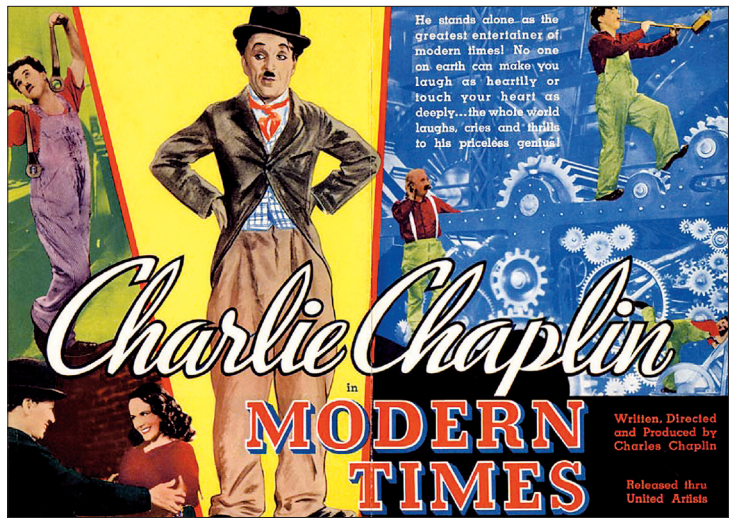
In Brüno, which hits theatres this weekend, he plays a campy fame-seeking fashionista who wants to be "the biggest Austrian superstar since Adolph Hitler." Rashad Robinson of GLAAD told the New York Times that while the movie's satire is "well-meaning," it's also "problematic in many places and outright offensive in others."

"It's important in life when you're dealing with the daily struggles of inequality that you take a second to sit back and laugh."
Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth CEO David Kilmnick

As un-politically correct as the results of Cohen's modus operandi to expose homophobia are — he extracts embarrassing, often racist or downright stupid reactions from people not in on the joke — he is simply following in the cinematic tradition of using irreverent humour to hold a mirror up to society.

Silent comedians Buster Keaton, the Keystone Cops and Harold Lloyd infused their work with social commentary, using slapstick to highlight man's struggle to survive in a swiftly changing society.

Charlie Chaplin's most famous character, the perpetually down-on-his-luck Tramp, was a metaphor for "the lowest of the lower classes," a comparison that became even more poignant with the advent of the Depression.



Early 20th century comedians like Charlie Chaplin were among the first practitioners of film satire.

Moving forward, director Sam Wood laced his screwball comedy The Devil and Miss Jones with comments on labour unrest and class distinctions, while Tim Robbins' mockumentary Bob Roberts was a caustically comic piece on running for Senatorial office and Monty Python members redefined irreverence with their two looks at organized religion, The Meaning of Life and The Life of Brian.

Whether or not Brüno will accomplish the goal shared by Wood and the members of Monty Python — that is to make audiences examine their own fears and prejudices — remains to be seen, but David Kilmnick, CEO of the Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth thinks it can't hurt.

"It's important in life when you're dealing with the daily struggles of inequality that you take a second to sit back and laugh," he says. "That's always been the medicine for those who've been oppressed."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Family revealed in Summer Hours

Summer Hours
Director: Oliver Assayas
Stars: Charles Berling, Juliette Binoche
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW From the dazzling self-reflexivity of Irma Vep through the grotty B-movie hijinks of Boarding Gate, Oliver Assayas is practically peerless when it comes to generating narrative and stylistic momentum.

So what to do with Summer Hours? This drama about three adult siblings (Charles Berling, Jeremie Renier and Juliette Binoche) trying to decide what to do with their late mother's cherished country house, is atypically sedate.

Even so, it feels very much of a piece with the director's oeuvre. One of Assayas' main preoccupations is generational tension, manifested here in two questions: Can you literally hold on to the past, and, if so, to what end? The answers are bound up in the ultimate fate of the estate, which becomes a source of familial debate.

Refreshingly, Assayas permits each of his characters (and their motivations) a certain level of respect and empathy — doubly impressive given the pleasure taken by so many contemporary French filmmakers in excoriating bourgeois protagonists.

There is a sense of inevitability to the film's final movements, yet Assayas elides any sense of predictability through the adeptness of his staging. The finale, which echoes his earlier film Cold Water, suggests a mingling of past and present, with a sympathetic eye to the future. It's the year's most glorious ending, a vision of eternal recurrence as a raucous house party.

A scene from Oliver Assayas' Summer Hours.

12 Rounds tops DVD sales

HOME ENTERTAINMENT Amid a dearth of high-profile video releases, as Hollywood studios hold back their big films for the fourth-quarter holiday season, movies that otherwise would have been also-rans are shooting up the rental and sales charts.

Case in point: The top-selling home video release for the week ended July 5 was 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment's 12 Rounds, which grossed just $12.2 million at the box office during its theatrical release. The action film was one of the last movies from the now-shuttered Fox Atomic division, launched two years ago to produce low-budget movies aimed at teens.

12 Rounds was No. 1 on the Nielsen VideoScan First Alert sales chart and also topped Nielsen's Bluray Disc chart during its first week in stores.

On Home Media Magazine's video rental chart for the week, 12 Rounds debuted at No. 2, right behind Warner Bros.' Clint Eastwood drama Gran Torino, which moved back into the No. 1 rental spot a month after its release. The previous week it was No. 4.

The season-five DVD set of the HBO series Entourage debuted at No. 2 on the sales chart.

Walt Disney Studios' TV movie Princess Protection Program debuted at No. 3, with Gran Torino finishing at No. 4. Rounding out the top five was another Disney release, Jonas Brothers — The Concert Experience.

REUTERS

Entertainment in brief

ANIMATION Raja Gosnell has signed on to direct Smurfs, a live action/animated movie starring the popular small blue characters created by Belgian cartoonist Peyo. Those involved with the Columbia Pictures/Sony Animation project have experience working with a hybrid blend of actors and cartoons. Jordan Kerner (Charlotte's Web) is producing.

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Screen Times

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Is Anybody There? (PG) Fri 7:05 Sat 4:50-9:10 Sun 1:45
Jerichow (STC) Wed 4:55 Thu 9:15
L'heure d'été (14A) Fri 9:10 Sat 6:55 Sun 3:50-8:40 Mon 6:45 Tue 4:45-9 Wed 9 Thu 7
The Queen and I (PG) Mon 4:45 Tue-Wed 7 Thu 5

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Seven Samurai (STC) Sat 7

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Creature Features Volume 2: Armory, Ears, Feathers & Scales, Fur & Skin, Headgear (STC) Fri-Thu 9:30-10:30 Fri-Thu 10-11
Power of the Earth: Rare Earth (STC) Fri-Tue 11:30-1:30-3:30 Wed-Thu 6 Fri-Tue 12:30-2:30-4:30 Wed-Thu 7

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The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:30
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Whatever Works (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-7-9:40 Wed-Thu 1:20-3:40-7-9:35

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17 Again (PG) Sat 3 Sun 2:30
Adoration (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat 7 Sun 9:30 Tue 9
Barbarella (STC) Sat 11:45 Wed 9
Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (14A) Fri 11:45
Rear Window (STC) Sun 4:30 Mon 8:45
Rope (STC) Sat 5 Mon 7
Star Wars Ottawa: Sith Academy: Class of 87 (STC) Thu 7
Sugar (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9 Sun 7
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Tue-Wed 7 Thu 9:30

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Imagine That (G) Fri-Thu 10-12:05-2:20-4:40
Land of the Lost (PG) Fri-Sat 10:05-12:15-2:30-7:10 Sun-Mon 12:15-2:30 Tue 10:05-12:15-2:30-7:10 Wed 12:15-2:30 Thu 10:05-12:15-2:30-7:10 Open Captioned Sun-Mon 10:05-7:10 Open Captioned Wed 10:05-7:10
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:20-2:25
My Life in Ruins (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-12:30-2:40-5-7:05-9:10
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Thu 4:50-9:25
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30-6:45-9
Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri-Thu 6:55-9:20
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:25-2:45-5:10-7:20-9:35

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Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30

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Encore 17 ans (G) Fri-Thu 12-6:10
L'an un (G) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-5:05
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Transformers: La revanche (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:20-9:25
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L'ère de glace: L'aube des dinosaures 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:35
My Sister's Keeper (G) Fri-Tue 12:25-2:55-6:35-9:05 Wed-Thu 12:25-2:55
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Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:20
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-9:50
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Wed 1-4:10-7:10-10:10 Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-6:50-10:20
Up (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:30-7-9:30

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Angels & Demons (14A) Fri-Tue 11:40-6:15-9:35
Brüno (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:15-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:10-11:30 No Passes Sun-Tue 12:15-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:35-12:15-1:50-2:50-4:15-5:15-6:40-7:45-9-10:10 No Passes Fri-Sat 11:30-1:50-4:15-6:40-9-11:30 No Passes Sun-Tue 11:30-1:50-4:15-6:40-9
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Sat 12:10-3:20-6:45-9:20-11:50 Sun-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:45-9:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:30-12:30-1:40-3-4-5:30-6:30-7:30-9:25-10-11 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-4-7:30-11
I Love You, Beth Cooper (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:25-3:45-6:35-9:10-11:45 No Passes Sun-Wed 12:25-3:45-6:35-9:10 No Passes Thu 12:25-3:45-6:35-9:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:25-6:50-9:15 Thu 12:40-3:25-9:15
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:30-5-7:35-10:15
Metropolitan Opera: The Magic Flute (STC) Sat 12
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-7:15-10:05
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:45
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Tue 11:45-12:45-3:10-4:05-6:20-7:20-9:25-10:40 Wed 4:05-7:20-10:40 Thu 12:45-4:05-7:20-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Star Trek (PG) Fri 12:50-3:40-6:25-9:50 Sat 3:40-6:25-9:50 Sun-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:25-9:50
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Tue 12:35-1:30-4:10-5:30-7:30-9:05-11 Wed-Thu 12:35-4:10-7:25-10:50
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Up in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:55-7:05-9:40
Year One (14A) Fri-Tue 3:15

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Amazon.ca's top albums

1. Thriller (25th Anniversary Edition), Michael Jackson; **2.** Off The Wall, Michael Jackson; **3.** Bad, Michael Jackson; **4.** Number Ones, Michael Jackson; **5.** Essential Michael Jackson (2CD). METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Hometown heroes

Rural Alberta Advantage blend indie hooks, rollicking roots

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

As the Rural Alberta Advantage travel the highway between Vancouver and Seattle, they can't help but be amazed at how their lives have turned out. "It's so surreal," says keyboardist Amy Cole on the phone from a stretch of B.C. road. "This time last year no one would have predicted that we'd be on a month long tour outside of Ontario."

Rural Alberta Advantage's debut, Hometowns was re-released this week on Bright Eyes' label Saddle Creek.

It's true, a lot has happened for this infectious Toronto-based indie rock act since they self-released their debut, Hometowns, early last year. For months the disc went relatively unnoticed, but in November 2008 online music store eMusic featured them as their artist of the month. Soon enough the buzz grew and in May it was announced that the band had singed to Bright Eyes' label Saddle Creek — the label re-released their album on July 7.

While the trio is thrilled with the attention, they admit that it's been an overwhelming few months.

"It's nerve-wracking," says singer Nils Edenloff, who originally hails from Edmonton. "There is a lot of pressure having come this far and playing for people we never would have gotten a change to play for."

"But we're getting a lot of attention right now that not a lot of bands get, so we want to maximize the advantages," adds Cole.

Fortunately, the RAA should have nothing to worry about. The group's record is a brilliant collection of contagious indie hooks mixed with rollicking roots, and drummer Paul Banwatt is a monster on the skins. Not only is it incredibly catchy, but the subject matter, which is mostly about Edenloff's affection for Alberta, is easily relatable to anyone who's moved from where they grew up to somewhere new.

"We never set out to start an Alberta band and write songs about Alberta," he says. "But I found myself writing more and more about the province because that's just what I know, about things that were personal and close."

Still, playing songs about Alberta sure helps when you actually play the province. Edenloff says that his recent hometown gig "went better than I ever could have hoped for."

"When we play other places people say, 'I don't know Alberta, but I identify with the songs,'" he continues. "When we played Alberta, people said, 'I understand these songs and they really speak to me.'"

But while most audiences are hearing these songs for the first time, the RAA have been playing them for well over a year. Surprisingly, they haven't tired of their tunes yet.

"It's like we're playing them for the first time when we play for people who haven't heard them," says Cole. "That being said we're trying to work on new material on the road, so when we're eventually back home we'll have some material all ready to polish."

The Sony Walkman celebrates 30 years

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

Amidst all the Michael Jackson news, a milestone passed almost unnoticed — the Sony Walkman turned 30 last week.

These days, everyone has a personal music device or seven. I'm pretty sure even my dog has an iPod Nano or two. But when Sony released the 14-ounce TPS-L2 on July 1, 1979, a series of complex cascading technological, economic and social events began. The Walkman not only changed the way we listened to music but the way we interact with each other. Look around: How many people do you see with ear buds right now? Before the Walkman, you wouldn't have seen any.

Ten facts about the Walkman:

1. All personal music players owe their existence to opera. Masaru Ibuka, the co-founder of Sony, ordered that the company make a small cassette player with lightweight earphones so he could enjoy his favourite operas on his many trans-Pacific and trans-Asia flights.

2. The Walkman was based on a prototype called the Pressman.

3. At first, the Walkman was known as the Soundabout in North America and the Stowaway in the U.K. because Ibuka-san hated the name "Walkman." But a screw-up in the marketing department resulted in all Soundabouts being promoted as Walkmans.

4. Original estimates were that it would sell 5,000 units a month. When it was introduced, demand was upwards of 25,000 a month. Total sales today? About 200 million.

5. The first Walkmans had two headphone jacks because no one at Sony could conceive of anyone not wanting to share their music with someone. Why would anyone want to walk around in a solitary bubble of music?

6. Sony endured a long legal battle with a German-Brazilian inventor named Andreas Pavel over his early '70s device called the Stereobelt. They finally settled in 2004.

7. Although many other companies started making personal music devices, the Walkman became such a cultural touchstone that people referred to every such device regardless of manufacture as a "Walkman." Kind of like Kleenex or Aspirin.

8. More than 300 personal CD players, Mini-Disc units, digital players and even video players have all been marketed with the Walkman name.

9. The proper plural form of "Walkman" is "Walkman Personal Stereos." Do not refer to two or more of them as "Walkmen."

10. Sony still makes a cassette Walkman but it hasn't been updated since 2002.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

30 Rock to get more airplay
Tina Fey's acclaimed NBC sitcom, 30 Rock, has locked in syndication deals with Comedy Central and WGN America. The cable networks worked together to snag the Emmy-winning series for $800,000 per episode. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Being a Top Model can take its toll

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

It can't be easy to outlast eight model hopefuls in pursuit of the Canada's Next Top Model title, let alone to face constant criticism from the show's panel of judges. But for the competition's three finalists, their harshest criticism may have come after the show began airing.

"The show makes me seem evil," said Calgary's Nikita Kiceluk, sitting alongside fellow finalists Linsay Willier from Edmonton and Winnipeg's Meaghan DeWarreng-Waller at Toronto's CTV headquarters.

Canada's Next Top Model concludes Tuesday night on CTV

The finalist with straight black hair and an edgy attitude believes her bold personality and routine sarcasm was taken out of context on the show, portraying her in a negative light.

It also generated a lot of hate mail for Kiceluk who said she is unsure how the presentation will affect her career.

"I'm not going to let that get in my way and I'm not going to not model because I know people don't want to look at my face. I'm sure some people do."

Many people want to look at DeWarreng-Waller, however. She said she has had to deal with loss of the anonymity she held before entering the competition.

"I have no private life, unless it's behind closed doors," she said. "You go out and people are watching, listening, following and wanting pictures." People even want her to kiss their babies, she said; a request made of her on her plane ride to Toronto the evening prior.

But children have posed a different problem for Willier. On an early episode, mention was made of Willier's history of fighting, rendering her a "tough chick", which she said is not the case at all.

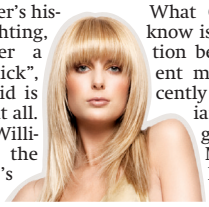
However, Willier maintains the belief "there's no such thing as bad publicity," despite any misrepresentation. "Now all of Canada knows our names."

What Canada may not know is the true motivation behind the apparent mockery of recently ousted Iranian immigrant Maryam Massoumi from North Vancouver, B.C., by Kiceluk and DeWarreng-Waller. The show's last episode showed the women imitating Massoumi's speech, which could be interpreted as racist.

"The whole Maryam thing was an ongoing joke between the girls in the house," said DeWarreng-Waller.

"They could think we're making fun of her because of her race, nationality or accent.

"It's none of the above."


Meaghan DeWarreng-Waller

Nikita Kiceluk

Linsay Willier

FRIDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	265 353	2	TVO	Adventures in Architecture		The Best of The Agenda		Heartbeat		*Dying at Grace* (2003, Documentary)		
	211 331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	The Unit "Play 16"		Mental (HDTV PA) (N)		NUMB3RS "Frienemies"		News
	209 342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Austin Powers in Goldmember* ★★ (2002, Comedy)				Stargate Atlantis "Duet" (N)		Comedy Now
	196 311	7	CTV	Hollywood	etalk	Ghost Whisperer		Castle (HDTV)		Russell Peters: Red, White		News
	208 303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce	Laughs	Wild Roses (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		Stampede
	- 360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Chopping Block (N)		Dateline NBC				News (N)
	- 362	13	CBS	Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N)		Ghost Whisperer		Flashpoint (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Frienemies"		Two/Half Men
	216 395	14	OMN2	Different Faces of Hockey		News (N)		News (N)		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214 344	15	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Man Tracker		Departures (HDTV)		Out There	Out There	News
	218 345	18	E!	The Insider	E! News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		The E! True Hollywood Story		20/20 (HDTV)		News
	- 361	20	ABC	News	Entertainment	Surviving Sub.	Goode Family	According-Jim	According-Jim	20/20 (HDTV)		News
	- 365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Mental (HDTV PA) (N)		News (N)		News
news	500 500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406 417	27	net	Soccer CONCACAF Gold Cup -- Canada vs. Costa Rica.				MLB Baseball		Sportsnet	Sportsnet	Sportsnet
	126 730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400 280	30	TSN	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Calgary Stampeders at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football	
family	554 544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	(9:25) *Blade II* ★★ (2002, Horror) Wesley Snipes.			
	557 540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	*The Cheetah Girls* ★★ (2003) Raven.			(9:03) *Richie Rich* (1994, Comedy)			(10:37) *Innerspace* (1987)	
	551 542	65	YTV	The Next Star			Family Biz	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615 520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Cleaner (HDTV)		Criminal
	628 584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		*Lethal Weapon* ★★★ (1987, Action) Mel Gibson, Gary Busey.				
	616 521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		BeastMaster		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	520 505	42	DIS	Daily Planet		Canada's Worst Handyman		American Loggers		Earthshocks: Ring of Fire		Daily Planet
	581 566	53	MTV	4REAL	MTV News	Canada's Next Top Model		The Real World		True Love	The X Effect	Cribs
	522 506	55	HIS	NCIS "Shalom" (HDTV)		Jurassic Fight Club		Legends	Legends	Ice Road Truckers		Marine Mach.
	603 561	95	FN	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Thirsty	Thirsty	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	265 353	2	TVO	Insect Wars		*Missing* ★★★ (1982, Drama) Jack Lemmon.				Interviews (N)	(10:35) *The Bicycle Thief*	
	211 331	3	GTV	Doc "Daddy Dearest"		The Unit		Doc "Breaking Away"		Doc		News
	209 342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Suddenly Naked* ★★ (2001, Romance-Comedy)				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Arts & Minds
	196 311	7	CTV	W-FIVE-Swans		*Lies My Mother Told Me* (2005, Docudrama) (DVS)				Law & Order: SVU		News
	208 303	8	CBC	The Nature of Things		The Week the Women Went		CBC Ottawa Presents		Calgary Stampede: Rangeland Derby		
	- 360	9	NBC	Light Relief	Wheel-Fortune	Kings "Javelin" (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	- 362	13	CBS	Light Relief	The Insider	48 Hours Mystery		Harper's Island "Gasp"		Harper's Island "Sigh"		CSI: NY
	216 395	14	OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	*The Knot* ★★ (2006, Romance) Chen Kun, Vivian Hsu.				Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.
	214 344	15	CITY	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		*Tail Lights Fade* ★★ (1999, Drama) (DVS)				News
	218 345	18	E!	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	*The Secret of Hidden Lake* (2006, Suspense) Premiere.				News
	- 361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		Wipeout (HDTV)		Castle (HDTV)		Eli Stone "Flight Path"		News
	- 365	36	FOX	News (N)	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)		MADtv
news	500 500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	406 417	27	net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Baltimore Orioles. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet	MLS Soccer	
	126 730	28	RDI	Journal	Humanima	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tout	Le Téléjournal
	400 280	30	TSN	(6:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- LifeLock.com 400. (HDTV) From Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. (Live)								SportsCentre
family	554 544	48	TEL	*Happily N'Ever After* ★ (2007, Comedy), Freddie Prinze Jr.				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	557 540	51	FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Contact* ★★★ (1997, Science Fiction) Jodie Foster, James Woods.				
	551 542	65	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615 520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "All In"		*The Fugitive* ★★★ (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Sela Ward.					The Cleaner (HDTV)	
	628 584	32	SPKE	UFC's Ultimate 100		UFC's Ultimate 100		UFC's Ultimate 100		Jesse James Is a Dead Man		MANswers
	616 521	39	SHO	(6) *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*		*The Perfect Child* (2007, Drama) Rebecca Budig.				*Night at the Museum* (2006, Comedy)		
	520 505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Destroyed	Time Warp	Deadliest Catch		Destroyed	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel
	581 566	53	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	522 506	55	HIS	Sinking-Atlhabaskan		Crime Stories		*Spy Game* ★★ (2001, Suspense) Robert Redford, Brad Pitt.				
	603 561	95	FN	Grill It-Flay	Chef Abroad	Ramsay's Kitchen		The Next Food Network Star		Kitchen Nightmares		Chef Jeff

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	265 353	2	TVO	Alaska's Black Gold (N)		The Choir (Part 4 of 4)		Ahead of the Class			View From Hr	View From Hr
	211 331	3	GTV	King of Hill	American Dad	Big Brother 11 (N)		Family Guy	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	News
	209 342	6	CHRO	Home Videos	Jeff Ltd.	America's Got Talent		Desperate Housewives		Canada's Next Top Model		Look-A-Like
	196 311	7	CTV	Corner Gas	Degrassi: TNG	Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (HDTV)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		News
	208 303	8	CBC	Heartland (DVS)		Calgary Stampede Championship.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Doctor Who
	- 360	9	NBC	Great American Road Trip		Merlin (HDTV) (N)		*Meteor* (2009, Suspense) Christopher Lloyd.				News (N)
	- 362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV)		Big Brother 11 (N)		Cold Case (HDTV)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		CSI: NY
	216 395	14	OMN2	Word on the Street		Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word	Trendy Zone	Fundamental Freedoms		Of Blessings
	214 344	15	CITY	Two/Half Men	Hates Chris	Kings		Royal Pains		Crusoe (HDTV) (DVS)		News
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Dollhouse comes back for more

The Season 2 premiere of Fox's Dollhouse will be written and directed by the man himself: Series creator Joss Whedon. The catch: You're going to have to wait an extra week to see it. The season premiere will air Friday, Sept. 25. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

Sam Roberts

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Rogers stage, LeBreton Flats

The prolific Canadian singer/songwriter, and Bluesfest favourite, performs his well-known hits and new songs from his latest release Love At The End Of The World. For ticket info and schedule visit ottawabluesfest.ca.

Portrait Of An Unidentified Man

When: Friday & Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre, 1233 Wellington St. W.

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Joe Cocker

When: Sunday, 9 p.m.
Where: Bank of America Stage, LeBreton Flats

One of the greatest rock voices, and creator of classics like You Are So Beautiful, makes a stop at Bluesfest. For ticket info and schedule visit ottawabluesfest.ca.

Canadian Homage

When: Friday through Aug. 2
Where: Cube Gallery, 7 Hamilton Ave. N.

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Brian Setzer Orchestra

When: Saturday, 9:30 p.m.
Where: Bank of America Stage, LeBreton Flats

The guitar master is accompanied by his 18-piece big band for an unforgettable, genre-blending musical show. For ticket info and schedule visit ottawabluesfest.ca.

HOPE Volleyball Summerfest

When: Saturday
Where: Mooney's Bay Beach

The annual volleyball tournament and concert features performances by The Watchmen and illScarlett and provides funds for six local charities. For more info visit hopehelps.com.

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Jennifer Lynch

DIRECTOR Her last film, Boxing Helena, confounded and angered critics and even drew a lawsuit from Kim Basinger. That was so 1993. Now David Lynch's daughter is back with another bid to out-weird father with the mind-bending Surveillance. In limited release right now, the film is once again courting controversy for its gruesome images and general strangeness. Dad must be so proud.

2 U2 Mobile Album

APPLICATION Canada's own Research In Motion turns the heat on iPhone with this Blackberry bait. Although the details are still vague, it appears that the app will allow users to listen to the latest U2 album No Line on the Horizon, watch videos, and read news updates. More interestingly, users will be able to share video clips from U2 concerts.

3 Bud Light Lime

DRINK This tangy twist to our favourite beverage is fast becoming the booze of choice this summer. Launched last month, liquor stores across the country are having a hard time keeping up supplies, according to several news reports.

4 Joel Plaskett

MUSICIAN Good things come in three. First up, the indie-rocking Haligonian's recently released triple-album racked up some glowing reviews. Then, he was shortlisted for the prestigious Polaris prize. And now he has been selected to open for Sir Paul McCartney's show this weekend in Halifax.

5 The Lost Symbol campaign

PUBLISHING The promotion for Dan Brown's new thriller is set out to be a bit of a puzzle. Publisher Doubleday announced that Brown's follow-up to The Da Vinci Code will be preceded by a summer-long procession of "codes, cryptic trivia, puzzles, secret history, maps, aphorisms" and other daily teasers on Facebook and Twitter.

6 United Breaks Guitars

VIDEO When United Airlines luggage handlers broke one of Dave Carroll's guitars and gave him a hard time when he sought compensation, the Halifax-based musician (of the band Sons of Maxwell) recorded this little ditty as his response. Now the video has gone viral, netting 220,000 hits on YouTube as of Wednesday evening. The Timmins, Ont., native is also fielding offers to appear on major networks like CNN and CBS.

7 Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince

FILM Pottermania strikes again. The sixth silver screen instalment of the beloved series premiered in London this week to rave reviews and screaming fans. Rest of the world won't be missing out on Hogwarts magic for too long. The film opens worldwide next Wednesday.

Create your own Web TV show

A few years ago, it would have been too expensive to create and broadcast your own web-based TV show. Now, all you needs is a laptop — or even a mobile phone with a video camera.

There are a number of websites specializing in helping you take your real-time video — streaming from a computer or a mobile phone — and transform it into your own webisode.

Here are a few of the better sites that can handle almost anything when it comes to creating video for the web.

• Qik (qik.com)

WHAT? This web service can receive video "live" from your mobile phone and stream it to the Internet simultaneously.

WHY? A fast service that is simple to use, and it's really a no-brainer to start your own TV channel just through embedding the video on your blog or home page.

COMMENT? Here you'll find some extra features like the possibility to "geotag" your video via your mobile's GPS (your viewers can see where you are on a Google map).

• Ustream (ustream.tv)

WHAT? Web service built around delivering longer live sessions from "real" video cameras or laptops with built-in video cameras.

WHY? There are many pages out there offering similar services (justin.tv, kyte.tv, stickam.com and more) but Ustream is easy and fast to learn and use.

COMMENT? A lot of radio stations have found Ustream and they use it to find new listenters/viewers just by adding a web cam to the studio.

• Bambuser (bambuser.com)

WHAT? Another web service that can receive video "live" from your mobile phone and stream it to the Internet simultaneously.

WHY? It's becoming more common to use your mobile video camera at conferences, demonstrations, rallies and big events — to share events and experiences in real time.

COMMENT? This is a very practical way to produce video for the net. You just record and your done. No editing or publishing. Harder to create that nail-biting drama, though.

• Mogulus (mogulus.com)

WHAT? Ambitious web service where you're not only able to broadcast live, but also mix in video files or use correspondents transmitting live from anywhere in the world.

WHY? With Mogulus you feel like a real TV producer in the control room. It's also easy to start your own channel with the tools Mogulus offers.

COMMENT? You'll also find interesting broadcasts you won't find anywhere else, like the one from the international space station.

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INFORMATION FEATURE

Cooking software a piece of cake

KATHY BUCKWORTH
for Metro Canada

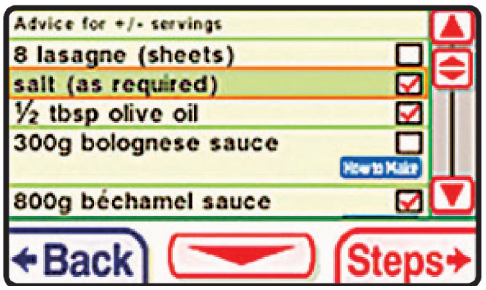
With four kids to feed on a daily basis, you'd think the last thing a busy mom would have the time to do is spend time on a Nintendo DSi. I used to think so too ... until I discovered their new software title, Personal Trainer: Cooking.

While it's not a surprise to find hundreds of recipes inside this virtual cooking coach, it's the more unique features you won't find on any cooking website or in any cookbook that make this the ideal kitchen companion, particularly when cooking with kids.

My 10-year-old daughter Bridget, otherwise known as the self-described "number one bacon fan," discovered the Ingredient Explanation section and scrolled quickly to her favourite food. "This smoked, salt cured pork belly has a smooth and tender texture." So that's what a pork belly is!

We breezed through some other explanations and then went to the Substitute Ingredients area, which I found to be extremely useful in a household where teenagers are constantly looting through my cupboards and refrigerators and stripping me of every condiment and baking ingredient. I learned that sake (not a staple in my house) could be substituted with water and a pinch of seasoning. Interesting ... but what's a pinch, really? I went to the terminology button and found that out too.

As I browsed around the program with my daughter, it occurred to me that, in my experience, having electronic equipment in a space where frequent liquids and powdery substances come into magnetic contact with little fingers might not be the best combination. I flashed back to an unfortunate incident with my kitchen counter, my laptop, and a bag of flour. However, the Nintendo folks have thought of even that.



A sample of what you will see on Personal Training: Cooking, which is now available for the Nintendo DSi.

"It's fun to use voice commands like 'continue,' 'more details' and 'repeat' so that messy hands don't get the Nintendo DS all covered in food," says Nintendo Canada's Matt Ryan.

With that in mind, Bridget and I decided to travel the Personal Trainer: Cooking world by doing just that: Travelling the world of cooking, by country. Alternate options include by ingredient — no Bridget, there isn't anything that includes bacon wrapped in bacon, sprinkled with bacon — requirements, or keyword. We went to France and discovered a terrific recipe for onion tart (and bacon, natch), and started to follow the step by step cooking instructions.

"Personal Trainer: Cooking is a virtual cookbook that also includes ingredient checklists (which you can actually take to the store with you on your Nintendo DSi), tutorials by photo and video as well as a DS Chef that actually talks to you throughout the prep and cooking," explains Ryan.

Bridget flipped through the videos as I put together our tart. "You're doing that wrong, Mom! Try this!"

When we finished cooking, we discovered we could record what we had made, on which date, and how often. This, I think will be especially useful when the kids sit down to dinner and say, "Again? You always make this!" and I can honestly say, "Nope, not since March 3, 2009." Now pass the bacon.

Paltrow's detox diet

Gwyneth Paltrow is slimmer thanks to a mostly juice detox diet she followed for three weeks, usmagazine.com reports. "I feel pure and happy and much lighter," the actress writes in her GOOP newsletter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Justin to write golf book

FORE! Justin Timberlake is writing a book about golf, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer has reportedly employed a literary agent to send out a short synopsis of the planned tome, in the hope of securing a publishing deal.

The book is said to be a memoir that follows "Timberlake's time on the green and his experiences playing with various competitors." Agent David Vigliano got in touch with several editors last month, it has been claimed.

Timberlake's love of golf is well known, and he plays with an impressive six handicap. The 28-year-old singer owns his own golf course — the Big Creek Golf Course near Memphis — and has previously admitted his proudest moment relates to the sport.

He said: "I loved appearing on the cover of Golf Digest magazine. I'm not going to lie. I mean, I'm done. I don't have to do another magazine cover ever again."

It has also been claimed Timberlake refuses to take to the course with his girlfriend Jessica Biel as she is such a strong competitor.

A source said: "He prefers not to play with her since she's gotten so good."

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Beckham can count on Cruise

SUPERSTAR FRIENDS David Beckham has one friend he turns to for advice more than anyone else: Tom Cruise. A new book, The Beckham Experiment by Sports Illustrated writer Grant Wahl, reportedly devotes an entire chapter to the superstar friendship, according to Gatecrasher.

Cruise has influenced a lot of Beckham's decisions since they met in 2003, including the name of one of the soccer star's kids, Cruz. But Beckham draws the line at Scientology.

"He's never turned around and said, 'That is what you should be doing,' because he would never do that. He and Katie have their beliefs," Beckham says, "but me and Victoria have also got our own."

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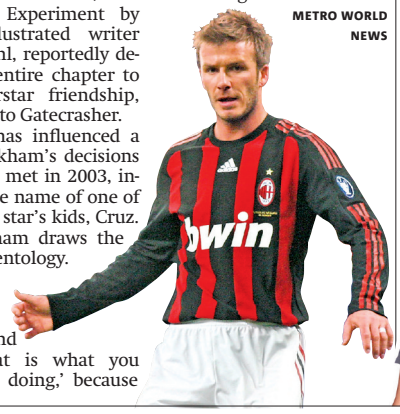

Lohan and Ronson may move

THE LOHAN TOUR? Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson are looking to abandon their Hollywood Hills home now that it's become a stop on a sightseeing tour. "Just sitting at home and heard a 'star tour' bus go by my house and insult me over a loudspeaker," Ronson wrote on her Twitter account. "Think I'll put nails out tomorrow." METRO WORLD NEWS

Spike feels for Jackon's daughter

AT THE MEMORIAL Spike Lee, who attended Michael Jackson's memorial service Tuesday, says watching the late pop star's 11-year-old daughter Paris take to the stage and talk about her father was brutal, people.com reports.

"How can you even comprehend a young daughter bemoaning the loss of their dear father, their daddy," says the celebrated film director, 52, who knew Jackson for more than a decade. "We know Michael the entertainer, but to her, that's just daddy."

In 1996, Lee traveled to Brazil to direct Jackson in his music video, They Don't Care About Us.

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Bateman hints at younger, wilder days

RISKY BUSINESS Though he's mellowed since then, Jason Batemen admits he went through a bit of a wild period after starting out in Hollywood as a child star.

"It was like Risky Business for 10 years," he tells Details magazine. "I'd worked so hard that by the time I was 20, I wanted to play hard. And I did that really well." His close pal, Jennifer Aniston, was there for some of the craziness.

"Even though he was pretty wild in those days, something about those dimples and that sweet face made you go, 'Oh, it's OK that you just drove up the street backwards in a Range Rover with the door wide open,'" she says.

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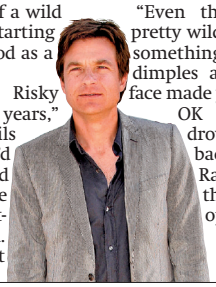

Reynolds may start a family

ADOPTION Ryan Reynolds and wife Scarlett Johansson are thinking about starting a family by adopting a child. "My oldest brother is adopted and I have every intention of adopting," Reynolds tells Britain's Glamour magazine. "I couldn't be more pro-adoption. There are plenty of kids in the world that need it." The pair were married in September 2008.

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Wardrobe malfunction

ACCIDENTAL FLASH Emma Watson laughed off an accidental red carpet wardrobe malfunction during an appearance on last night's Late Show With David Letterman, usmagazine.com reports.

The actress inadvertently flashed her underwear at Tuesday's London Harry Potter premiere while adjusting her floor-length vintage Ozzie Clark dress in the pouring rain.

"This was a small wardrobe malfunction that happens," Watson, 19, giggled to Letterman while holding her head in her hands. "I actually don't remember it happening."

There was one saving grace though. "At least I'm wearing underwear!" she joked.

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Madonna's a shrewd buyer

REAL ESTATE Looks like Madonna is a shrewder real estate buyer than everyone thought. Deeds filed for her new Manhattan townhouse show that the property was purchased for $32 million US, even though it was listed for $45 million, according to the New York Observer. And since there were no mortgage records filed as well — she doesn't have to worry about foreclosure down the line.

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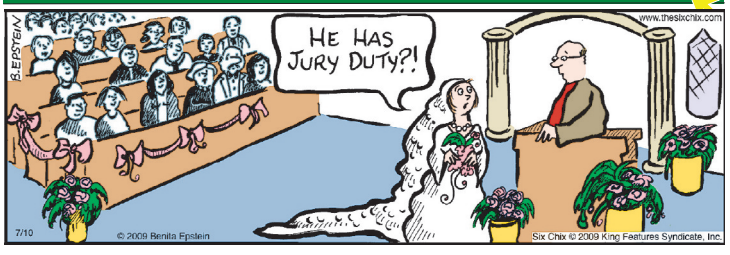

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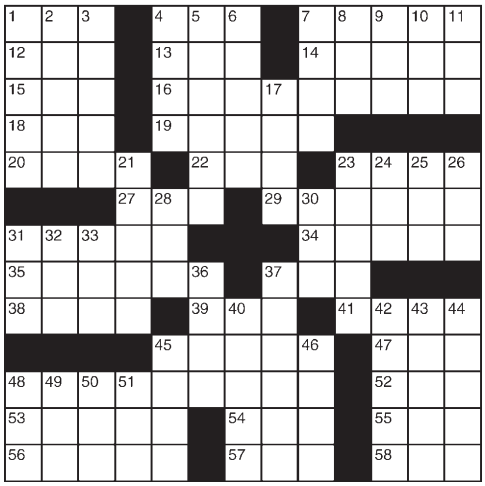

Crossword across

1 A welcome sight?
4 "Eureka!"
7 Halloween option
12 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
13 Wager
14 Proportion
15 Gridlock component
16 Garnet variety
18 Fool
19 Steeple
20 Expert
22 — de cologne
23 Frat-party garb
27 Started
29 Cheap
31 "Cats" inspiration
34 Put into words
35 Small chicken
37 Feathery accessory
38 Osseous
39 Tokyo's old name
41 Region
45 Incarcerates
47 Crony
48 Simon's partner
52 "Hail!"
53 Pseudonym of a sort
54 Prior to
55 Trail the pack
56 Wear
57 Boar's mate
58 Crafty

Crossword down

1 Large, showy parrot
2 Embarrass
3 Ankles, to anatomists
4 Rudiments
5 Piled
6 Places in the heart
7 Verifiable
8 Operated
9 List-ending abbr.
10 Have a bug
11 Placekicker's pride
17 Very dry, as champagne
21 Polish money
23 November birthstone
24 Kyoto cummerbund
25 Card-table call
26 Consumed
28 H, to Hellenes
30 Seek the hand of
31 Go back
32 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
33 Hostel
36 Intend
37 Ravel piece
40 Levees
42 Fiery gems
43 Fleet-related
44 Plaintive poem
45 Equitable
46 Passel
48 Petrol
49 Heidi's height?
50 Carnival city
51 Distant

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Pork with Egg Noodles

INGREDIENTS:

Salt and black pepper
1 lb (500g) pork fillet
8 scallions
2/3 lb (300 g) celery
2/3 lb (300 g) small button mushrooms
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
1/2 lb (230g) egg noodles
3 tbsp (45 ml) wholegrain mustard
3/4 cup (175 ml) whipping cream

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to low setting to keep pork warm later. Put large pot of lightly salted water on to boil for noodles.
2. Cut pork into thin strips; season with pepper. Trim, rinse, and slice onions and celery; clean and slice mushrooms.
3. Heat half the olive oil in wok or frying pan over high heat and stir-fry pork 4–5 minutes, until lightly coloured. Remove and keep warm.
4. Add remaining oil to wok or pan with celery and half the scallions and stir-fry for 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook until soft.
5. Add noodles to boiling water, cook for 3 minutes, then drain well.
6. Stir mustard and whipping cream into vegetables and bring mixture to boil. Add pork, heat through, then season to taste.
7. Serve pork stir-fry spooned over noodles, sprinkled with remaining scallions.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Forget about duty, forget about what other people say has to be done — your one and only aim today is to have fun.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Act as if important people are watching you closely today — because in all probability they are. You may be offered some kind of promotion.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Today's magnificent Jupiter-Neptune alignment will bring a stroke of good fortune you did not dare dream was possible.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If what you get out of something today seems way out of proportion to what you put in, you may feel like a fraud — but you deserve your reward.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
According to the planets life is good and will get even better over the weekend. Spare a thought for someone who has not had it as good as you.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
No matter how many times your ambitions have been frustrated you will enjoy some kind of success today and tomorrow.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Today's Jupiter-Neptune union in the sympathetic sign of Aquarius will help you to reach your full potential. Lady Luck is very much on your side.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You are going through a cycle where many of the things you believe are being questioned or put to the test. Don't be so fixed in your attitude.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A friend or relative will go out of their way to make you feel good today, which in turn will make you feel good about the world as a whole.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have done what was asked of you and now you can follow a new path, one that satisfies desires that have for too long been suppressed.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
A once-in-a-lifetime chance to show how much you care, not just for one individual but for the world as a whole, is about to present itself.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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